Vacant post of AIIMS director

*174. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the post of Director is lying vacant at AIIMS since July, 2008;

(b) if so, why this post has not been filled so far;

(c) what are the recommendations of the Valiathan Committee for selection of Director and what criteria has been set by his Ministry;

(d) which recommendations of Valiathan Committee have been implemented by his Ministry; and

(e) the details of the recommendations not accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process of selection of the post of Director, AIIMS, has been initiated and is under process.

(c) The Valiathan Committee has recommended that the selection for the post of Director should be done by a Search-cum-Selection Committee, headed by the President of the Institute and consisting of Director General Health Services, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, Vice Chancellor of Delhi University; four members of the Institute Body nominated under subsection (e) and (f) of Section 4 of AIIMS Act. Further the Valiathan Committee has recommended that the Institute Body should appoint the Director with the prior approval of the Visitor. The Government has adopted the same criteria as recommended by the Valiathan Committee, except "in place of prior approval of Visitor the prior approval of ACC" has been adopted.

(d) The Government has accepted and implemented the following Valiathan Committee recommendations:

(i) Enhancement of retirement age of teaching faculty from 62 years to 65 years.

(ii) An Advisory Committee has been constituted on CMET in K.L. Wig Centre.

(iii) Increase in research incentive to the authors of every papers published in journals.

(e) The remaining recommendations are under process of implementation/consideration.

Reduction in rice quota under PDS

*175. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has curtailed the quantity of rice under the Public Distribution System in the Above Poverty Line (APL) category in different States and Union Territories of the country with reference to the years 2007-08 and 2008-09;